PRESENT—*cont.*

Patro, *Kt.*, Rao Bahadur Sir A. P.
Raja of Panagal, K.C.I.E.
Raja of Ramnad.
Rajan, Mr. P. T.
Ramachandra Reddi, Mr. B.
Ramanath Goenka, Mr.
Ramasomayajulu, Mr. C.
Ramjee Rao, Mr. V.
Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar, Rao Bahadur C. S.
Sahajanandam, Swami A. S.
Saldanha, Mr. J. A.
Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, Mr.
Satyamurti, Mr. S.
Seturatnam Ayyar, Mr. M. R.
Shetty, Mr. A. B.
Simpson, Sir James.
Sitarama Reddi, Rao Bahadur K.
Siva Raj, Mr. N.
Siva Rao, Mr. P.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Slater, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. S. H.
Smith, Mr. W. E.
Soundarapandia Nadar, Mr. W. P. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Nattam Dubash Kadir Sahib.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. D.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavadaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkatarama Sastri, C.I.E., Mr. T. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkayya, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.

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## NEW MEMBERS.

The following new Members were sworn in :—

Mr. W. E. Smith.
Sir James Simpson, *Kt.*
Mr. A. T. Luker.
Mr. W. O. Wright.
Mr. Kenneth Kay.

## II
## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### Criminal Justice

*Enquiry into the Koilkuntla shooting incident.*

*1502 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in reference to Government Order, dated 14th November 1927—

(*a*) whether the same Joint Magistrate that held the first enquiry about the Koilkuntla shooting incident, also tried the cases arising out of it;

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(*b*) the number of the accused, the number of witnesses examined, and the number of days or hours the Joint Magistrate actually took to dispose of the cases from start to finish ;

(*c*) within what time after the disturbance these cases were disposed of ;

(*d*) whether the Joint Magistrate does not hold that the ammunition used was not *very excessive* ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Superintendent of Police in his very first telegram stated that the police fired in self-defence ;

(*f*) whether the Government have taken into consideration, in commending the Sub-Inspector's conduct as against the judgment of the joint magistrate, the expressed opinion of the District Superintendent of Police endorsed by the District Magistrate that matters should not be precipitated at that stage ;

(*g*) who has to take the responsibility of deciding the interests of public peace ;

(*h*) whether it has ever been proved that the Sub-Inspector was in time on the spot to take such responsibility and order fire ; and

(*i*) how many men were present at the public meeting at Koilkuntla said to have been held within a few days of the occurrence and how many of them were local officials and village munsifs ?

*A.*—(*a*) The preliminary enquiry was held by the Joint Magistrate of Nandyal. As regards the trial of the cases, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 1180, Public, dated 14th November 1927, placed on Editors' Table.

(*b*) The number of accused was 26. The number of witnesses examined by the Joint Magistrate of Nandyal was 17 ; the trial opened on 29th July 1927 and closed on 30th July 1927. The Government have no information regarding the trial by the Taluk Magistrate of Nandyal.

(*c*) The disturbance was on 5th July 1927 and the Joint Magistrate of Nandyal disposed of the case tried by him on 30th July 1927.

(*d*) He held that the quantity of ammunition used was not very excessive.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sections 127 and 4 (*p*) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Act V of 1898.

(*h*) Some witnesses have deposed that the Sub-Inspector gave the order to fire.

(*i*) The Government have no information.